

37. (Amended) A cutting device for performing cutting operations on a workpiece, said cutting device comprising:

a base adapted to receive said workpiece;

a support attached to said base;

a drive assembly pivotably attached to said support, said drive assembly including a motor having an arbor shaft rotatable about an arbor axis;

a cutting tool attached to said arbor shaft;

a fixed guard fixedly attached to said drive assembly and pivotably with said drive assembly, said fixed guard covering a first portion of said cutting tool;

C1 a movable guard pivotably attached to said drive assembly for pivotal movement about said arbor axis, said movable guard movable between a closed position covering a second portion of said cutting tool and an open position exposing said second portion of said cutting tool;

a separate arbor cover pivotably secured to said fixed guard, said arbor cover being pivotal between a first position covering said arbor shaft and a second position completely uncovering said arbor shaft; and

a torsional coil spring biasing said movable guard into said closed position.

45. (Amended) A cutting device for performing cutting operations on a workpiece, said cutting device comprising:

C2 a base adapted to receive said workpiece;

a support arm attached to said base;

a drive support slidably engaging said support arm;

a drive assembly pivotably attached to said drive support, said drive assembly including a motor having an arbor shaft rotatable about an arbor axis;

a cutting tool attached to said arbor shaft;

a fixed guard fixedly attached to said drive assembly and pivotably with said drive assembly, said fixed guard covering a first portion of said cutting tool;

C² a movable guard pivotably attached to said drive assembly for pivotal movement about said arbor axis, said movable guard movable between a closed position covering a second portion of said cutting tool and an open position exposing said second portion of said cutting tool;

a separate arbor cover pivotably secured to said fixed guard, said arbor cover being pivotal between a first position covering said arbor shaft and a second position completely uncovering said arbor shaft; and

a torsional coil spring biasing said movable guard into said closed position.

Please add new Claims 53-58 as follows.

C³ 53. (New) The cutting device described in Claim 37 wherein a central axis of said torsional coil spring is offset from said arbor axis.

54. (New) The cutting device described in Claim 37 wherein said torsional coil spring is disposed within a blade cavity defined by said fixed and movable guards.

55. (New) The cutting device described in Claim 54 wherein a central axis of said torsional coil spring is offset from said arbor axis.

56. (New) The cutting device described in Claim 45 wherein a central axis of said torsional coil spring is offset from said arbor axis.

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57. (New) The cutting device described in Claim 45 wherein said torsional coil spring is disposed within a blade cavity defined by said fixed and movable guards.

58. (New) The cutting device described in Claim 57 wherein a central axis of said torsional coil spring is offset from said arbor axis.